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DUXBURY CLIPPER



Memories of Yesterday



In 1874 there were, on a one-mile stretch on Washington St., 30 persons over 80 years old. In the GAZETTEER OF MASSACHUSETTS we also read that Duxbury was by that time "becoming a favorite watering-place." Among the reasons given: "Duxbury is a delightful place of residence. It is alike remarkable for scenic beauty and for historical associations. The climate is conducive to health and longevity."

Here are a few random gleanings from the GAZETTEER: "Hobomok, a Christian Indian, whose life has furnished Mrs. L. M. Child with material for her beautiful story of 'Hobomok,' had his home with Capt. Standish." Incidentally, you perhaps know that the Captain's first wife, Rose, died soon after their arrival, but did you know that his second wife, Barbara, survived him?

We also learn that Duxbury sent 236 men to the Civil War, of whom 37 died in service. Erected to their memory in Mayflower cemetery is a beautiful granite shaft bearing these inscriptions: "Memoria in Eterna:" "The Soldiers and Sailors who gave their Lives for their Country in the War of 1861; Honor to the Brave." (Next time you visit the cemetery look also for this odd epitaph: "Aseneath Soule. The chisel can't help her any.")

The First Parish Church was gathered in 1632. A Methodist Episcopal Church, with the Rev. W. J. Smith as pastor, was organized in 1819. The West Duxbury Methodist Episcopal Church was established in 1831, and in 1842 the Wesleyan Methodist or Congregational Church, of which the Rev. W. W. Lyle was pastor, was organized.

The GAZETTEER doesn't breathe a word about it, but here's another first for Duxbury Town: Myles Standish was the first person in America to raid a saloon.

DUXBURY and VICINITY

Duxbury Village—Waterview. Cape Cod with five rooms downstairs and bath. Also laundry. Three rooms upstairs. Two complete baths.